

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Contract Award for City and Market Town Public Realm Investment – WO3
Date of decision:	
Decision maker:	Corporate Director – Economy & Environment
Authority for delegated decision:	To approve the 2025/26 £1.2m City and Market Town Public Realm Investment. Decision: a) approval is given to draw down the £1.2 million additional budget allocated in the capital investment budget for City and Market Town Public Realm Investment for 2025/26; and b) Delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director of Economy and Environment to take all operational decisions, including the agreement or otherwise of appropriate schemes that after following the process set out in paragraph 4, may be requested by the City and Town Councils and their subsequent delivery route, over the lifetime of the project, to deliver the investment set out in recommendation (a). Decision - City and Market Town Public Realm Investment - Herefordshire Council
Ward:	‘Countywide’
Consultation:	As part of the revised consultation process for key decisions, a Political Group Consultation was undertaken prior to the reports approval.
Decision made:	To award the Market Town Funding works in various Market Towns (Works Order 3) contract to Tarmac Trading using the councils Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework, up to the value of £287,296.61 with an approved contingency of 10% to the value of £28,729.66.
Reasons for decision:	In order to deliver the investment, as set out in the decision reports above. The £1.2 million additional budget for City and Market Town Public Realm Investment was provided for targeted investment in highway maintenance and public realm improvements relating to accessibility, overall condition and active travel across the city and market towns that are not currently planned to be delivered during 2025/26 as part of existing investment plans or to supplement existing s106 funding that is insufficient to deliver the required projects.
Equality Considerations	As a result of the scheme selection for investment as part of this decision is considered to have a positive impact on the protected characteristics of Age and Disability. The investment set out in this report is considered to have a neutral impact on the other protected characteristics.

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Finance: A new framework has been established for use for 2026-2030 and will include the ability to undertake general civil engineering works, resurfacing, surface dressing and other thin surface treatment works, structures schemes, traffic signal improvement and maintenance works, tree surveys and inspections and tree works. As part of the new Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework (2026-2030), Tarmac Trading Limited were awarded the Lot 3 Surfacing Schemes framework contract to deliver schemes as required by the council. A total budget of £1.2million has been allocated to the 2025/26 project, funded through Herefordshire Councils Capital Programme, with City and Market Town receiving an individual budget of £200,000. To date, £183k of the overall budget has been spent. <table><tr><td>Budget</td><td>Available Budget</td><td>Budget for contract</td><td>Cost Code</td></tr><tr><td>LTG – Ross on Wye</td><td>£153k</td><td>£107k</td><td>CM7401 CAP2064</td></tr><tr><td>LTG – Kington</td><td>£200k</td><td>£142k</td><td>CM7401 CAP2062</td></tr><tr><td>LTG – Bromyard</td><td>£63k</td><td>£40k</td><td>CM7401 CAP2061</td></tr><tr><td>Contingency</td><td></td><td>£28k</td><td>CM7401</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td></td><td>£316k</td><td></td></tr></table> Risk Management: The creation of a framework has contributed to minimising risks associated with procurement delay, supply chain resilience whilst demonstrating competition and value for money for the public purse. The identified works should reduce the risk to users on the network as a result of improved condition. Legal Implications: A procurement process to create a Highways and Public Realm Schemes Framework was conducted between January and March 2026 in accordance with the Council’s Contracts Procedure Rules. The framework will be operated under the NEC4 Framework Contract arrangements with appropriate NEC4 Contracts used for the delivery of individual schemes.	Budget	Available Budget	Budget for contract	Cost Code	LTG – Ross on Wye	£153k	£107k	CM7401 CAP2064	LTG – Kington	£200k	£142k	CM7401 CAP2062	LTG – Bromyard	£63k	£40k	CM7401 CAP2061	Contingency		£28k	CM7401	Total		£316k	
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Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to award, this is not recommended as this would put the council’s capital programme at risk.																								
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None																								

Signed..... Date: